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Applicant: Weigel et al. ) Atty Dkt No: 3554.049  
Serial No: 09/879,959 ) Examiner: G. Bugaisky  
Filed: June 13, 2001 ) Art Unit: 1643  
For: STREPTOCOCCUS EQUISIMILIS )  
HYALURONAN SYNTHASE GENE )  
AND EXPRESSION THEREOF )  
IN BACILLUS SUBTILIS )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant herein seeks to amend the above referenced application as shown below, prior to the first examination and action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

In the Drawings:

Please accept Fig. 14 as submitted herewith. Fig. 14 was previously submitted on June 13, 2001 as SEQ ID NOS: 3-6. A petition is also being submitted herewith to request entry of Fig. 14 in the file.

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] and substitute therefor paragraph [0001] submitted in clean, replacement form herein below.